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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Phase of:

Applicant: Kenneth Edward Frampton et al.
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Title: FABRICATION OF MICROSTRUCTURED OPTICAL FIBRE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING MULTIPLE DEPENDENCIES

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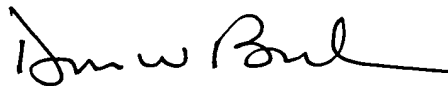
Sir:

Please amend the application in accordance with the following appended parts:

Amendments to the Specification
Amendments to the Claims

All of the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. In the event there still remains a claim that depends from more than one claim, the Office is hereby authorized to amend such claim to depend from the first mentioned of the multiple claims from which it depends.

Respectfully submitted,



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